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Attached please find a copy of amended claims 1-3 containing a further change in proposed claims that we have been discussed to put the application in conditions for allowance, specifically the term "continuous" in front of "nucleotides 1,772 to 3,025 of SEQ. ID. No. 1". I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and Applicants, but this further change is necessary because without the limitation "continuous" the claimed DNA molecule (claim 1) or threonine importer gene (claims 2-3) can have any sequence as long as it contains nucleotides 1,772 to 3,025 of SEQ. ID. No. 1. I have a training session this morning, so I will give you a call in the afternoon to see if you receive this fax and should you have any question. Thank you.

Quang Nguyen